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SUBJECT: ALGERIA-FRANCE FRICTION

1. RECENT INCIDENTS ILLUMINATE INHERENT FRICTIONS BUILT INTO
FRENCH-ALGERIAN RELATIONS BY HISTORY.

2. INCIDENTS INCLUDE:

A. BOMBINGS 26-27 JULY OF HEADQUARTERS OF AMICALE DES
ALGERIENS IN PARIS AND ROUBAIX AND OF ALGERIAN CULTURAL CENTER
IN LYON; BOMBINGS HAVE RAISED CONTINUING STORM OF ANTI-FRENCH
EDITORIAL COMMENT AND PRESS CRITICISM OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT
AND POLICE FOR THEIR ALLEGED TOLERATION OF AND INDIFFERENCE
TO SUCH ACTS:

B. TWO RECENT REFUSALS BY GOA TO PERMIT FRENCH CITIZEN
CHILDREN OF ALGERIAN EXTRACTION VISITING ALGERIA TO RETURN TO
FRANCE (ONE CHILD OF HARKI, NATIVE ALGERIAN WHO FOUGHT ON
FRENCH SIDE DURING REVOLUTION, WHO NOW FRENCH CITIZEN AND OTHER
CHILD OF ALGERIAN WHO NOW FRENCH MILITARY OFFICER ASSIGNED
TO FRENCH MILITARY MISSION HERE);

C. SEIZURE OF FOUR ALGERIAN WORKERS IN FRANCE BY HARKIS,
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APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR ALGERIAN REFUSAL TO PERMIT HARKI

CHILD TO LEAVE ALGERIA.

3. ARREST BY FRENCH POLICE OF INFAMOUS OAS TERRORIST JOSEPH
ORTIZ IN TOULON ON JULY 10 AND GOA FINAL RELEASE OF TWO
CHILDREN ILLUSTRATE THAT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED.
RETALIATION AND RECRIMINATIONS STIMULATED BY RECENT INCIDENTS
INDICATE, HOWEVER, HOW SUCH RESIDUES OF FRENCH-ALGERIAN HISTORY
WILL CONTINUE TO PLAGUE EVEN BEST EFFORTS OF GOA AND GOF
LEADERSHIP TO CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED TOWARD FUTURE
COOPERATION.PARKER

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